GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:327
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006
EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE ON CIVILIANS
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been cases of excessive use of force on civilians in the recent past in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Amnesty International has expressed grave concern over the excessive use of force by police on people during the protests at Kalinga Nagar and Bokaro;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that human rights violations do not take place in the economic development of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a): There has been no excessive use of force on civilians in the recent past in the country.

(b) to (d): Amnesty International have not submitted any report on the alleged use of excessive force by police on people during the protests at Kalinga Nagar and Bokaro. The State Government of Orissa has set up an Inquiry Commission consisting of a sitting judge of Orissa High Court under the Commission of Inquiries Act, 1952 to inquire into the incident. The State Government of Orissa has also announced the setting up of a High Level Committee of Group of Ministers on 5.1.2006 to review the rehabilitation package to the land outstees and come up with a revised rehabilitation policy. The State Governments of Orissa and Jharkhand have been advised by the Central Government to take preventive measures so as to check the incidents of the types which have taken place in Kalinga Nagar. It is the policy of the Government to ensure that human rights violation do not take place in the economic development of the country and care is taken to ensure that human rights of the citizens are protected.